

THE BIG LABOR MEETING ENDS

Important Action Taken at Closing Session Saturday Afternoon.

All the Old Officers of the Federation Were Re-Elected Without Opposition.

MEETS AT NEW ORLEANS NEXT

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 16.—The American Federation of Labor in the last minutes of Saturday's session parceled out on record on two questions which have been agitating the delegates since the convention convened ten days ago, namely, trade autonomy and socialism. The greater of the two in the minds of most of the delegates was that of autonomy. In brief, the special committee on autonomy recommended for large industrial concerns where there are only a few craftsmen, that the best interests of all would be conserved by the few joining the paramount organization possible in such establishment, and the promulgation of sub-divided crafts into district and national trade councils, where all disputes should be settled. The recommendations of the committee, to the surprise of many, were unanimously adopted without a single remark being made by anyone. The recommendations are viewed differently by the delegates. The miners, who have favored industrial autonomy, and who have put that principle into effect in the mines, looked upon it as a victory, while the pressmen and long-shoremens saw some concessions in the report. There are not a few who were displeased, and declared that the whole report was no more than a "straddle," and that the question will come up again. The recommendations of the committee's report are as follows:

First—As the magnificent growth of the American Federation of Labor is conceded by all students of economic thought to be the result of organization in trade lines, and believing it neither necessary nor expedient to make any radical departure from this fundamental principle, we declare that as a general proposition the interests of the workers will be best conserved by adhering as closely to that doctrine as the recent changes in methods of production and employment make practicable. However, owing to the isolation of some few industries from thickly populated centers, where the overwhelming number follow one branch thereof, owing to the fact that in some industries comparatively few workers are engaged, overwhelming separate organizations claim jurisdiction, we believe that jurisdiction in such industries by the paramount organizations would yield the best possible results to the workers thereof. Nothing contained in this declaration is intended or shall be construed to mean a reversal of any decisions rendered by former executive councils or previous conventions on questions of jurisdiction.

Second—We hold that the interests of the trade union movement will be promoted by closely allying the sub-divided crafts, giving consideration to amalgamation and to the organization of district and national trade councils to which should be referred questions in dispute, and which should be adjudged within allied craft lines.

Third—The American Federation of Labor being a voluntary association, it cannot direct and should not adopt methods antagonistic to or in conflict with established trade union laws, and in order to carry the above recommendations into effect, and in full recognition of its logical position, the American Federation of Labor pledges its offices to aid and assist in the adjustment of such craft encroachments as disputants may be willing to submit to its arbitration.

The old officers were re-elected. The following delegates were chosen: To England, Patrick Donald, district president of the Mine Workers, and Henry Blackmore, of the St. Louis Brotherhood of Carpenters; to Canada, Dennis Driscoll, Boston State Federation. New Orleans was selected as the next meeting place.

COLDEST DAY OF THE YEAR

Yesterday the Thermometer Went Down to Three Below Zero.

There is Much Suffering, and All Business is Affected By the Prevailing Cold Wave.

NEWS FROM MANY QUARTERS OF CITY

Yesterday was the coldest day of 1901. The lowest temperature, as shown by records in Observer Bernemann's office, was three below zero. Last night the official temperature was zero. Previous to this cold weather, the coldest was last February, when the mercury went down to 13 degrees above, which is quite pleasant compared to what it has been for the past two days.

The suffering has been intense, and the calls for food and fuel have been almost unprecedented. At the city hall many have called for aid, and wherever found worthy, they have been sent where relief can be found. A number of people have been sent to the Home of the Friendless, a lady named Anderson having been sent with her children, there this morning. There is no business, profession of industry that has not suffered, with the possible exception of the plumbers. The latter have been on the go ever since yesterday morning, and have more calls than they can answer.

The telegraph companies have been working with only a small per cent of their usual number of wires, while the telephone system has been greatly impaired, and a number of wires have been broken in the business portion of the city by shoveling snow off houses onto them.

Trains have been late, and boats unable to procure the necessary labor to load and unload.

Among the people who suffer from the cold wave are the steamboat men. Yesterday there were 1,000 sacks of corn to be shipped from a point a few miles above the city to points below on the Dick Fowler. When the officers attempted to get deckhands to load it, they offered 25 cents per hour, but the negroes only laughed at them, and the Hopkins last night when she arrived could not get rosters at any price.

The plumbers are busier today than they have been in many months, not even excepting the busy season, when all the sewerage connections were being made.

It is estimated by one well known and prominent plumber that 80 per cent of the plumbing in the city has been frozen since the sudden change in the weather Saturday night. Several pipes have burst, but no serious damage was done. Ranges were also damaged by the water boxes cracking from the freeze. The following is a partial list of the range-bursting accidents: J. R. Puryear, range explosion; Stokes Pym, range water box cracked by steam formation; J. R. Smith, cracked water box in range; Henry Thompson, cracked range water box.

The street car service has been good considering everything, and cars have been run on all lines, but with some little irregularity. It is likely that the service will not be resumed completely until there is a thaw.

One family visited was in Dogtown, where Officer Charles Hart found three small children named Watson, huddled together, half frozen on the floor, which was on the bare ground. He took them to the Home of the Friendless, where they will be given good care and treatment.

All the mills on the other side of the creek bridge are closed down today, on account of the cold weather. Business in that line is at a standstill, and the shut-down will continue until the weather has moderated some.

Ferguson and Palmer are the only people who are operating their mill on the south side today.

Considerable damage to the county roads by the rain of Friday is reported, but the exact extent cannot be learned at present.

WRECKED STEAMER WAS SOLD

Mrs. O. Bauer Purchased the Hull and Machinery For \$345.

Sale at the Court House—Echo of a Mournful Disaster—Another Damage Suit Filed.

AGGREGATE CLAIMS AGAINST STEAMER

The wreck of the City of Golconda, which turned over August 19th last, about six miles above Paducah, and resulted in the loss of sixteen lives, was this morning sold to the highest bidder at the county court house by Special Commissioner Bagby.

Mrs. Ottomian Bauer bid in the property at \$345. The boiler, hull and engines are near the scene of the wreck, and it is thought that a great deal of it can be saved. The sale was made in pursuance of an order of the U. S. court, and was made in a very short time.

Geo. N. McGraw, administrator of Watts Davis, a prominent Livingston county stock raiser, and farmer, who was drowned in the City of Golconda disaster August 19th, has filed suit against Captains Bauer and Peck of the Golconda for \$2,000 damages. There are suits now in the Livingston and McCracken county circuit courts, and also United States court, against Ottomian Bauer and A. A. Peck, owners of the boat, amounting to somewhere near \$20,000, but no judgment for any amount over the value of the proceeds of the auction sale can be had against the owners under the Limited Liability act of Congress, passed many years ago. This is, however, the first case that has come under the jurisdiction of this district court where the act has been taken advantage of.

The only case in which the act could be forbidden, it is claimed, is when the owner is personally in charge of the boat, and while Mr. Bauer's name appears as the master of the craft, he was not in command of the boat at the time of the accident.

TRIALS POSTPONED. Madisonville, Dec. 16.—For the fourth time the trial of strike leaders was postponed today until Thursday, on motion of the defense.

EXTENDING THANKS. Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Jones of Arkansas has introduced a resolution extending the thanks of Congress to Admiral Schley for the Santiago victory. It was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy and warmer tonight and Tuesday, with probably a light snow tonight.

The Sun has removed to the old News stand, 115 South Third street.

HEROISM WAS ALMOST FATAL

Men Who Find the Body of Their Companion Almost Frozen.

They Had a Hard Fight to Get Here, and Could Not Walk When They Reached the City.

THE STORY OF THEIR EXPERIENCE

Messrs. William Bowers, watchman on the Leyhe fleet, above here near the mouth of Clark's river, and Jack Krans, a ship's carpenter, who assisted him in recovering the body of their companion, Mark Amburg, who was drowned while duck hunting with them, as told in another place, had a thrilling experience that they will never forget as long as they live, in coming to the city with the body last night. Their heroic conduct in braving the bitter wind that swept the river, with the mercury at zero, to reach the city with the body, shows the stuff they are made of, but it came near costing them their lives.

They dragged for several hours before finding the body, and then they came to the city to notify the coroner, and he directed them to bring it to the city for an inquest. They placed the body in a big four-oar yawl, and started for the city shortly after the first was made. The drifting ice and the cold wind delayed their trip, and before they had gotten half way to the city three oars were lost in the river. A shanty boatman above the city was hailed and asked for assistance, which he refused to give, and the men, who were then in a serious condition, and half frozen from the cold, had to make out the remainder of the trip the best they could. After a hard fight they arrived at the marine ways about 11 o'clock last night, half frozen and numb all over. They made for the Tennessee house, on Second street near Court, where Mr. Krans is a regular boarder, and after walking and crawling they reached the place and summoned Officer Steinbrecker, the proprietor. Hot water was secured, and a big fire made in the stove when the condition of the men was learned, and after over an hour's work they were brought out of danger.

Both men were unable to straighten their arms, and their knees and their toes were frozen to their shoes. The heroic treatment rendered by Mr. Steinbrecker and his wife saved the men's lives, and had their arrival in the city been delayed another half hour death would have been certain. This morning both men are up and are little the worse for the experience.

There is no scarlet fever in the schools and there has been none but all precautions are being taken and Supt. Hatfield wishes to state that the parents need not fear for the safety of their children on this score.

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THE RANGE BLEW UP

Disastrous Explosion at the Home of Capt. J. R. Puryear Yesterday.

Stove Exploded and Seriously Injured Miss Eliza Puryear—Kitchen Was Wrecked.

OTHER RANGES DAMAGED BY FREEZE

The range of Captain J. R. Puryear's residence, 328 North Eighth street exploded with terrific force yesterday morning about 7:30 o'clock, and in addition to badly injuring Miss Eliza Puryear, Captain Puryear's sister, it wrecked the kitchen, demolished the fine range and wrecked a gas stove nearby, and broke nearly all the window panes down stairs.

Captain Puryear forgot to shut off the water Saturday night, and that in the pipe supplying the boiler to the range, froze. The water already in the boiler got hot after the fire was started for breakfast, and there being no escape for the steam, the boiler let go with astounding violence.

Miss Puryear was standing over the stove warming her hands at the time, and so sudden was the explosion, she did not hear it. The detonation aroused the entire neighborhood. Miss Puryear was hurled under a table several feet away and her dress ignited by the flying coals in four places. She received two gashes, one over each eye, and one under the nose. One gash required five stitches. Her hands and feet were lacerated, and she was painfully bruised, but her injuries are not necessarily fatal.

The stove was demolished. One lid was blown through the ceiling, lodging in the lathing, where it stuck; one piece of iron went through the side of the wall crashing through the weather boarding like a cannon ball. Windows were broken, and pictures up stairs blown off the walls.

The kitchen was so filled with smoke, steam, and water that Mr. Puryear, who was the first to reach it, could not see his hand in front of him, and it was with great difficulty that he found his sister, bleeding and semi-conscious, where she had been blown under the table.

Her injuries are not believed to be serious. The damage to property will be \$200 or more.

Mr. W. F. Katterjohn's residence, on South Fifth street, was found in a bad condition this morning. Mr. Katterjohn had looked the house up and gone to Louisville, forgetting to take the precaution of turning off all the water pipes and thereby guard against a sudden freeze. When he returned all the pipes were frozen, and the plumbers have been at work on them all today.

Mr. Sam Starks, of Washington street, also had bad luck with his pipes. He, too, left the water on, and as a consequence all the piping was this morning filled with solid ice.

Other sufferers from broken stoves are: Mr. Leonard Jones, broken water back; R. Dodds, Eleventh and Jefferson streets, broken water back; Oscar Starks, broken water back; Mrs. M. Carney, broken water back; Dr. Will Whayne, broken water back; Mrs. Dicke, West Broadway, broken water back; Jake Biederman, broken water back.

The plumbers are so rushed today that all the work cannot be attended to, and a great many will have to wait a day or two before they can be relieved.

STRUCK BY A CAR.

A South Third street car struck a team owned by Contractor Ed Eaker yesterday morning shortly before noon but no serious damage was done. The driver had pulled out of the track and the car was then shoved ahead two points but the driver again pulled across the track and was struck Motorman Houston Wilkerson was in charge of the car. Small damage was done the wagon and none to the car.

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WENT UNDER THE ICE

Mark Amburg, of the Leyhe Fleet, Loses His Life in a Slough.

He Went Out to Get a Duck and Broke Through the Ice—Lived at Grafton, Ill.

BODY RECOVERED AND BROUGHT HERE

Mark Amburg, third clerk on the Bald Eagle, one of the Leyhe boats, that runs up Illinois river in summer, was drowned in a slough near the mouth of Clark's river yesterday morning about 9 o'clock while attempting to secure a duck that his companion, William Bowman, had shot.

Since the fleet came here to go into winter quarters, Amburg, who was about 25 years old, had been one of the watchmen. Bowman was another watchman, and yesterday morning they started out to kill ducks.

Bowman shot one, and it fell on the ice that covered a slough near the mouth of Clark's river, a few miles above here. Bowman attempted to get out and get it, but the ice was not thick enough to bear his weight, and he broke through.

He abandoned the idea of getting out to it on the ice, and said he would get a skiff. Amburg insisted that he, being lighter, could get far enough out on the ice to get the duck, and could not be dissuaded from the attempt, although warned. He went out and broke through the ice, being drowned in full view of Bowman and his other companion, J. A. Kranz, who were powerless to rescue him. Bowman made an attempt to reach the drowning man, and broke through the ice again, having a close call.

About three o'clock yesterday afternoon the body was recovered, and last night the two men came all the way to Paducah in a skiff, rowing against a bitter cold wind, to notify Justice Jesse Young, who is acting coroner, and ask what to do with the remains. They were under the erroneous but widely prevalent idea that no one can move a dead body until the coroner arrives, and for this reason left the remains at the fleet.

They were informed that the body could be brought here for the inquest, Justice Young knowing that it would be impossible to secure a jury where the drowning occurred.

The men went back and brought the body to the city in a skiff, arriving here about ten o'clock. It was left at the wharf until this morning at 8 o'clock, when it was taken to Nance's undertaking establishment, where an inquest was held by Justice Young, the verdict being that the deceased was accidentally drowned in a slough near the mouth of Clark's river.

The unfortunate young man lived at Grafton, Ill., where he leaves a mother. He was popular with those who knew him, and his death will be learned with regret. The remains will be held until instructions are received relative to their disposition.

BADLY BURNED.

YOUNG LADY NEAR LOVELACEVILLE SERIOUSLY HURT YESTERDAY.

Mr. Wesley Kirby of Lovelaceville was in the city today to have burns on his hands treated. Yesterday Miss Lady Withrow of Lovelaceville was near the fire, when her clothing caught fire, and she was badly burned on the left side. Mr. Kirby extinguished the flames. The young lady's condition is serious. The flesh is burned almost off the bones.

THE ISSUE THIS WEEK.

On account of removing the SUN office the past week this issue of the paper is delayed a few days. It will be issued on the regular days hereafter.